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SUBJ: SOCIETY FOR COLLEGE RELATIONS INTERNATIONAL

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1. KOKUSAI DAIGAKU KOORYUU-AI, KNOWN BOTH AS SOCIETY FOR COLLEGE RELATIONS INTERNATIONAL AND SOCIETY FOR INTERCHANGE OF COLLEGE STUDENTS, OPERATES FROM TRAVEL AGENCY HEADED BY KAZUO SEKI, OFFERS SERVICES IN TWO AREAS: SUMMER ENGLISH PROGRAMS AND SENDING UNDER-GRADUATE STUDENTS TO U.S. UNDER "LAUREL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM." LAUREL IS COMMERCIAL PROGRAM. SEKI ADVERTISES, SCREENS APPLICATIONS, PLACES IN U.S. SCHOLARSHIP MONEY COMES FROM U.S. INSTITUTION WHERE HE PLACES. EACH SUCCESSFUL STUDENT PAYS LAUREL SCHOLARSHIP PROCEDURAL FEE OF 100,000 YEN. SEKI HAS PLACED STUDENTS MOSTLY IN MINOR U.S. SCHOOLS. SEKI SAYS COMPANY HAS STAFF OF 21, HOWEVER THESE ARE MOSTLY INVOLVED IN TRAVEL AGENT END OF BUSINESS.

2. IN MAY 1972 USEC/J WORTE TO 27 U.S. COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES SOLICITING INFO ABOUT EXPERIENCES WITH THIS ORGANIZATION. OF THOSE RESPONDING, SOME WERE SATISFIED WITH GOOD SERVICE, OTHERS COMPLAINED SEKI CANCELLED GROUP PROJECTS AT LAST MINUTE, AND SOME SURPRISED THEIR NAME WAS BEING USED. SEKI HAS ALSO CLAIMED SUPPORT FROM EMBASSY, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, USEC/J, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN THE CASE.

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3. SEE ALSO TOKYO OM DECEMBER 4, 1970. SUBJECT

EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL EXCHANGE: JAPANESE COUNSELLING
ORGANIZATION (REF. DEPT. OM NOVEMBER 16, 1970.)

4. EMBASSY DOES NOT RECOMMEND COOPERATION WITH THIS
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